Summer 2025 Comps Exam Questions

- Answer one question below. In grading the exam, the faculty look for an understanding of core concepts, adequate knowledge of facts, and the application of principles and problem-solving skills in the library and information science field and the profession.
- Keep in mind that you should refer to the evaluation rubric: https://lis.catholic.edu/ media/grading-rubric-1.pdf
- Your paper should draw on what you have learned from your courses and the literature of the field.
- Submit your essay through <u>Assignments</u>.

Question 1.

Privacy protection for library patrons has become increasingly intricate. Analyze the evolution of a privacy policy since 2000. Explain how the evolution of the policy you identified has influenced the roles and perspectives of information professionals. Propose and evaluate the implementation of the policy, highlighting its advantages and disadvantages.

Question 2.

Many LIS leaders' responsibilities include managing limited resources. In the course of making decisions about priorities and resource allocation, ethical dilemmas often arise. Identify an ethical dilemma that can arise in the determination of priorities and resource allocation in a library or information setting of your choice. Explain why your scenario constitutes a dilemma and enumerate the ethical considerations surrounding the scenario. Discuss how you as a manager would reach a decision that addresses both practical constraints and ethical concerns.